



**Chairperson Vice-Chair**

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## **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 13, 2009**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at UAW Chrysler Local 7, 2600 Conner. in Detroit, Michigan.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Ronald L. Griffin **(ABS)**  
 Mohamed Okdie  
 Toney Stewart **(ABS)**  
 Adela Rivera **(ABS)**  
 Jim Holley

Cmdr. Morris Wells  
 Cmdr. Dwayne Love  
 Insp. Nick Kyriacou  
 Lt. Darwin Roche  
 Sgt. Bernard Beck-O' Steen  
 Sgt. Terrance Roudolph  
 P.O. Shawnee Robins  
 P.O. Kenyetta Borden  
 P.O. Shannon Salisbury

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Ralph Godbee  
 AC Lawrence Meyer  
 DC Leo Powers  
 DC James Tolbert  
 DC Herbert Moreland  
 3<sup>rd</sup> DC Melvin Turner  
 Cmdr. Steven Dolunt  
 Cmdr. Catherine Tuttle  
 Cmdr. Linda Peltier  
 Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
 Cmdr. James Moore  
 Lt. Eric Jones  
 Sgt. Mattie Lewis  
 Sgt. Darran Carey  
 Sgt. Hilton Kincaid  
 P.O. Sophia Nelms  
 P.O. Dwight Featherstone  
 P.O. Brad Hawkins

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel Bureau  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator  
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Helen Gillespie  
S. Brown  
Evelyn Dukes  
Tijuana Morris  
Roberta Lesslie  
Sandra Primus  
Beverly Hilton  
Stephen Muhammad  
Caroline Stickpen

Sandra Butler  
James Slaughter  
Inez Starks  
Ron Scott  
John Anderson  
Diane Labach  
Roy Muhammad  
Dora Hatcher

Stephen Muhammad  
Dora Hatcher  
Samuel Sanders  
Olline McElroy  
Tenisha Flowers  
Matthew Johnson  
Monica Martin  
Ret. Comm. Nathan Head

**RECORDERS**

PO Robert Gibson  
Robert Brown

Sgt. Alan Quinn  
PO John Donanowski

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Holley** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:42 p.m.

He recognized Lanita Gaines, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Local, and stated the Board is pleased to be here and thanked her for the hospitality.

**Comm. Holley** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for August 13, 2009 was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

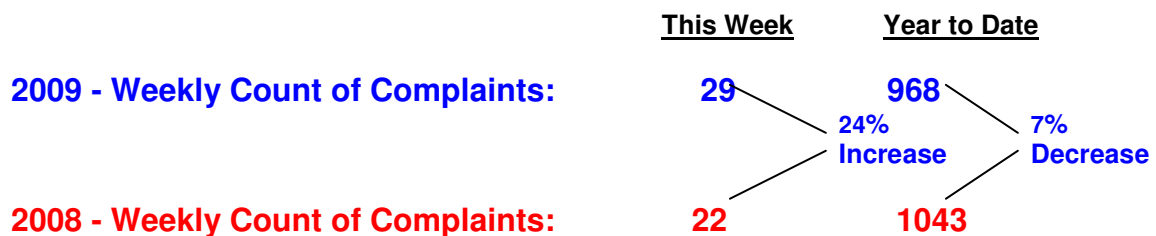
The Minutes for August 6, 2009 were not presented given the lack of a quorum.

### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

#### 1. CHAIRPERSON

#### 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,137 active investigations, of which 342 of those are for 2009. A total of 1,105 investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

#### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 08/13/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	EASTERN		1	3			1				5
1	NORTHEASTERN		1								1
3	NORTHWESTERN		3				1				4
1	SOUTHWESTERN*		1				1				2
5	COMMUNICATIONS		5				1				6
1	NARCOTICS						1				1
11	Unknown Command*		8	1			5		1	2	17
4	10TH PRECINCT*		3	1			2				6
1	12TH PRECINCT						1				1
31	*Multiple Units & Alleg.		22	5			13		1	2	43

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*



### Special Points of Interest:

#### • Next meeting:

Thursday, August 20, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St. 328-A**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

### ***"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Domestic Violence**

On August 5, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 7000 block of Patton on an "Assault/Family Trouble." A subject was arrested and suspected narcotics were confiscated. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with "Assault with Intent to Cause Great Bodily Harm, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault), Possession of Marijuana, and Domestic Violence."

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## **Engaging the Community**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

\* Mini-Stations- Monday –Friday

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Twelfth Precinct

On August 5, 2009, while on routine patrol in the area of 14th and Puritan, officers of the Twelfth Precinct observed a subject with a weapon in hand. Subsequent to their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A weapon was confiscated.



### Northeastern District

On August 8, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of Hawthorne and Winchester on a "Robbery Armed" in progress. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed of a Citizen, Felon in Possession, Carjacking, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 3rd." A handgun was recovered.



### Sex Crimes

On August 6, 2009, a subject was charged with two counts of "Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree and Criminal Sexual Conduct 2nd Degree," as a result of the investigation conducted by members of Sex Crimes.



### Northwestern District

On August 6, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the area of Greenfield and Midland after being alerted of a vehicle that was taken in a robbery armed. Due to the officers' investigation, a subject was arrested, positively identified, and charged with "Carjacking, Assault with Intent to Rob Armed, Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, and Felony Firearm."

**AC Godbee** introduced all of the Commanding Officers in attendance, as well as Cmdr. Moore of the Eastern District. He stated that Project CRUSADERS has been very effective with the joint efforts of other law enforcement agencies.

**Cmdr. Moore** introduced his staff and gave a brief overview of the Eastern District's initiatives, such as safe routes to school, National Night Out and Project CRUSADERS.

### **SEE ATTACHMENT**

**Comm. Holley** asked has the schools that are closing been identified.

**Cmdr. Moore** stated yes, they are waiting for information as to what route they will be using which will help them execute deployment.

**Comm. Holley** stated there is only three weeks before school starts.

**Cmdr. Moore** stated DPS is working very hard to make this happen.

**Comm. Holley** asked does DPD go outside of the city and join forces with other local police departments.

**AC Godbee** stated no, only when the investigative section is in collaboration with a task force.

**Comm. Holley** stated Detroit isn't the only city where crimes are being committed.

**AC Godbee** stated there are specific things that the department can do outside of the city and the local department understands that.

**Comm. Holley** stated he would like to see others arrested and not only Detroiters.

**AC Godbee** stated this department doesn't have the resources as before so they have to collaborate with other agencies to get the job done.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

**Comm. Holley** asked for special consideration to present these grants because they are federal stimulus dollars and with the condition that it will be approved at the next Board meeting.

### 1. GRANTS:

#### **REQUEST TO ACCEPT A COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHRP) GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES**

The United States Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has awarded the Detroit Police Department (DPD) a COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) grant (# 2009-RJ-WX-0053) in the amount of \$11,148,750.00, with no cash match. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

This program provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. This CHRP grant will provide funding to pay the salaries of 50 newly hired DPD officers for three years (36 months). At the conclusion of the federal funding, CHRP grantees are required to retain all officer positions awarded for at least 12 months from the time that the 36 months of grant funding for each CHRP position expires.

In the event that this grant is accepted, Lieutenant Darwin K. Roche, of Recruiting, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number for this grant is 12695.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this acceptance.

**AC Godbee** stated this grant is for \$11M to hire or retain but the department plan to use it for hiring.

**Comm. Holley** stated this will add new officers to the department.

**AC Godbee** stated yes that is the intention.

**Comm. Okdie** asked if the grant is time sensitive.

**AC Godbee** stated no sir; it is over a period of three years.

**Comm. Okdie** asked if this needs to be approved today.

**AC Godbee** stated no sir, but they can't accept the money until the Board approves and then City Council approves.

**Comm. Okdie** stated it needs the approval of both parties before it can be accepted.

**AC Godbee** stated yes, sir.

**MOTION: Comm. Okdie** made the motion for special provisional for this Grant.

**SECOND: Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A DETROIT – STATE BYRNE JAG GRANT (50001-1-09-B) FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

The Department of Community Health has granted the Detroit Police Department (DPD) **\$270,000.00, with no cash match** for a “Detroit – State Byrne JAG Grant.” The \$270,000 will be divided equally between the Detroit Police Department, Wayne State University Public Safety and Detroit Public Schools Public Safety. Each of the three entities will receive \$90,000, with DPD serving as the fiduciary. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

The funding designated for DPD will allow for increased and focused patrol at targeted high schools within the Twelfth Precinct and the Northeastern District (Pershing, King, Kettering, Mumford, U of D). This presence will come in the form of patrol in motor vehicles, as well as bike patrol. The main goal of the project is to bring about a reduction in school related incidents, crime and calls for service to the targeted locations. While officers are patrolling the neighborhoods prior to and after school, they will also have the added responsibility of addressing various concerns of the communities surrounding the schools. It is expected that, as a result of the increased patrols in neighboring communities, a decrease in crime and calls for service in those areas will occur as well.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Commander Catherine Tuttle, of the Twelfth Precinct, and Commander Frankie Lewis, of the Northeastern District, would serve as the project directors. The appropriation number is 12693.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this award and seek approval of the attached resolution from the Honorable Detroit City Council.

**Cmdr. Tuttle** stated this grant is for focused patrol at targeted high schools within the Twelfth Precinct and the Northeastern District.

**MOTION: Comm. Okdie** made the motion for special provisional for this Grant.

**SECOND: Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.



**REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A DETROIT TECHNOLOGY GRANT (50002-1-09-B)  
FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

The Department of Community Health has granted the Detroit Police Department (DPD) \$360,000.00, with no cash match for a "Detroit Technology Grant." The \$360,000 will be divided equally between the Detroit Police Department, Wayne State University Public Safety and Detroit Public Schools Public Safety. Each of the three entities will receive \$120,000, with DPD serving as the fiduciary. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

The funding designated for DPD will be utilized to improve technology in DPD scout cars. A Data Cellular Network will be installed in the cars, increasing the bandwidth and allowing the cars to have the same reporting capabilities as a District. Officers will be able to prepare and submit reports while in the scout car and have Internet access.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Commander Russell Decrease, of Technical Support, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number is 12694.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this award and seek approval of the attached resolution from the Honorable Detroit City Council.

**Cmdr. Decrease** stated this is a joint grant between the department, Wayne State University and DPS sharing an equal amount for technology. The department will use it for a new CRISNET System.

**MOTION:Comm. Okdie** made the motion for special provisional for this Grant.

**SECOND: Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

**WHEREAS** Ms. Helen B. Gillespie is a native Detroiter and attended Southwestern High School. She moved back to the city in 2005 after an honorable retirement from her job in Los Angeles, California. She is also the proud parent of two (2) children; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Gillespie selflessly volunteers within the Eastern District, along with her sister who is also a resident within the District; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Gillespie is committed to helping seniors and youth in her community and regularly participates in the community relations council meetings; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Gillespie played an integral role in the historic election of the nation's first African American President, and was an active participant at various polling venues. She has been equally devoted to supporting neighborhood events such as National Night Out, Motor City Makeover, Community Clean-up Efforts,

National Police Week, National Back-to-School Rallies, Toys for Tots, Angel's Night and the Good Fellows Association. Ms. Gillespie also takes part in the beautification of the external landscape of the Eastern District by planting flowers; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Gillespie is known for her motto *"to help those who can't help themselves."* Her unmatched service and commitment to community has made her a model citizen that can be called on at any given time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners; speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Ms. Helen B. Gillespie. Her selfless dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the entire City of Detroit merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Helen B. Gillespie.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Toney Stewart  
Commissioner

/s/ Adela Rivera  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
August 13, 2009

/s/ Jim Holley  
Commissioner

The Resolution was not approved given the lack of a quorum.

**AC Godbee** presented the Certificate of Recognition and Cmdr. Dolunt presented the Spirit of Detroit Award to Ms. Gillespie.

**H. Gillespie** thanked everyone for these awards.

**WHEREAS** Ms. Sandra A. Butler is a life-long resident of the great City of Detroit. She attended Southwestern High School and has resided in Detroit since 1959. She was married for 44 years and has been a parent to her nieces, nephews and children within the community; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Butler willingly volunteers in the Eastern District, along with her sister Helen who also resides in the Eastern District; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Butler is committed to assisting the people within her immediate community and the entire District, and actively participates in the community relations council meetings; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Butler selflessly assists the elderly and has participated and supported events such as National Night Out, Motor City Makeover, Community Clean-Up Efforts, Beautification and Planting Flowers at the Eastern District, Police Week, Back to School Rallies, and Good Fellow initiatives. She was also very instrumental in supporting the polling stations during the historic campaigning and election of the nation's first African America President and is an annual volunteer for Toys for Tots and Angel's Night; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Butler never gives to be seen, but can always be seen giving and helping. She values her community and takes her calling to service to heart.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Ms. Sandra A. Butler. Her selfless dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the entire City of Detroit merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Sandra A. Butler.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Toney Stewart  
Commissioner

/s/ Adela Rivera  
Commissioner

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/s/ Jim Holley  
Commissioner

The Resolution was not approved given the lack of a quorum.

**AC Godbee** presented the Certificate of Recognition and Cmdr. Dolunt presented the Spirit of Detroit Award to Ms. Butler.

**S. Butler** thanked everyone for these awards.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 20, 2009  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**T. Flowers** stated she along with a Mr. Johnson took up residency in an open house located at 5728 Somerset. She stated the officer made a call to 911 stating, "officer down" which officers responded in an aggressive manner. She was falsely arrested for breaking and entering in a dwelling that was already opened.

**Comm. Holley** asked if she got the officer's name or badge number.

**T. Flowers** stated she believes her name is Sgt. Harris who also lives on Somerset.

**Comm. Holley** asked if she made a complaint.

**T. Flowers** stated yes, she did it today.

**Chief Sheard** stated the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has the complaint and if there is any additional information required, they will call the complainant.

**Comm. Holley** stated to Ms. Flowers that a complaint has been made and if she isn't happy with the way things are going then she should come back before this Board.

**T. Flowers** stated okay, and asked if Mr. Johnson can go back into the house to get his medicine for seizures.

**AC Godbee** stated for Ms. Flowers to speak with Sgt. Beck-O-Stein so he would look into that.

**Comm. Holley** asked if he has a prescription for refills.

**M. Johnson** stated this was the second prescription because the last refills got burned in the house fire.

**Comm. Holley** stated you could get your medicine if you had the resources.

**M. Johnson** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked AC Godbee to see what it will take for Mr. Johnson to retrieve his medicine.

**AC Godbee** stated the department has to make sure they have the legal right to allow someone back into the dwelling.

**T. Morris** asked where does the liability falls with in the CRUSADERS Project.

**AC Godbee** stated all the federal agencies has jurisdiction of the country. The State Police has jurisdiction of the State and Wayne County has jurisdiction within the County. If the Task Force is within the city, the City of Detroit assumes liability. If an agency is performing its duties then there is no liability.

**T. Morris** stated is the policy for CRUSADERS public information and if so where can she get a copy.

**Comm. Holley** stated this has been going on for years they are using a different name.

**AC Godbee** stated this is not a policy it is a coordination of efforts through collaboration.

**T. Morris** asked can the task force go in any State.

**AC Godbee** stated absolutely.

**M. Martin** stated she needs some assistance finding other block clubs within the city.

**Comm. Okdie** stated for her to try the Mayor's office.

**Rtrd. Comm. Nathan Head** stated he has several neighbors who have complained about crime within this city such as carjacking. He would like to know what is being done. He also wanted to know if there a relationship with the insurance companies and are the chop shops being monitored.

**AC Godbee** stated yes and that Detroit has one of the best auto theft units in the country. He asked DC Tolbert to speak to his concerns.

**DC Tolbert** stated they are looking at those individuals who are buying the cars or parts from the thieves. They are in the process of developing relations with some of the junk yards.

**Rtrd. Comm. Nathan Head** he stated that each tow company is called for two or three stolen or stripped vehicles a day. If you multiply this by the ten towing companies; that is quite a bit each day.

**AC Godbee** stated there are 27 authorized towing companies.

**Rtrd. Comm. Nathan Head** stated if you multiply those numbers that would be a couple hundred per day. Something has to be done about this with all parties having a role.

**D. Labach** stated the CB Patrols status in the city is being threatened by the slow paying process from the Mayor's office. She asked if the Police Community Relations Unit could take it out of the Mayor's office.

**Comm. Holley** asked who was in control of it before it was switched to the Mayor's office.

**D. Labach** stated City Clerk's Office (Jackie Currie).

**Comm. Holley** asked if she wanted the City Clerk's Office to get it back.

**D. Labach** stated no, she wanted to know if the police department would be interested in it.

**Comm. Holley** asked for Ms. Labach to send a letter to the Board's office regarding that request.

**D. Labach** stated okay.

**Comm. Okdie** stated for her to also send a copy to the Chief.

**D. Labach** stated okay.

**L. Gaines** stated something needs to be done about all of these young men getting killed by guns. There needs to be something positive for them to do.

**AC Godbee** stated during the CRUSADERS Project, they arrested a number of juveniles with guns and they will continue work to make a difference.

**R. Scott** stated these young men need to engage by transforming their lives. He stated the citizens are the oversight of all law enforcements.

**C. Stickpen** stated she spoke with Councilman Cockrel and he stated it is against the law to barbecue on the front porch. She asked would the person receive a warning first or get a ticket.

**AC Godbee** stated that is a public education ordinance and he would take a look at it.

**E. Dukes** thanked the Eastern District for the great job that they do. She also praised them on their response time with regards to the incident that took place today (8/13/09).

**O. Brown** stated the information that Cmdr. Moore gave needs to be given to the block clubs as well to help keep our children safe on their way to and from school.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**

Executive Director

Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**